GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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SPECIAL GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES FOR NANO SCIENCES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to allocate special grants to the Bombay, Calcutta and Madras Universities for setting up Centres for Nano- science and nanotechnology, biomedical nanotechnology as reported in the Times of India dated March 29, 2007;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give similar funds to other Universities;

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d): A special grant of Rs. 100,00 crore has been allocated for each of the three oldest Universities, namely the University of Mumbai, University of Calcutta and the University of Madras for setting up of their Centres for Nanosciences and Nanotechnology/ Bio-medical nanotechnology, as Central Government`s contribution to commemorate their 150th years celebrations. There is no other University which would be celebrating the special occasion of its 150th anniversary, in the near future.